

Durham Police Department
2018 Second Quarter Report
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The Durham Police Department reports on six measures – Part 1 Index Crime, Part 1 Violent Crime, Part 1 Property Crime, Clearance Rates, Sworn/Non-Sworn Staffing and Priority 1 Call Responses – every quarter. The report also includes significant arrests and activities, community events and outstanding performances during the quarter.

Overall Part 1 crime (the total of Part 1 violent and property crimes) dropped by 13.5 percent during the first six months of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. Reported Part 1 crime decreased in six out of seven crime categories.

Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) was down by 28 percent during the first six months of 2018. Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) was down by 10 percent during the first half of 2018. Robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies, motor vehicle thefts, overall Part 1 violent crime and overall Part 1 property crime were at three-year lows. Property crime comprised 84 percent of all Part 1 crime and larcenies made up more than half – 57 percent – of Part 1 crime.

Part 1 Violent Crime – January through June

Part 1 Violent Crime	3-Year Avg	2016 2Q	2017 2Q	2018 2Q	2017-18 % Change
Homicide	15	21	10	14	40%
Rape	57	50	64	57	-11%
Robbery	370	402	432	276	-36%
Aggravated Assault	569	604	632	471	-25%
Violent Crime	1,011	1,077	1,138	818	-28%

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Part 1 Property Crime – January through June

Part 1 Property Crimes	3-Year Avg	2016 2Q	2017 2Q	2018 2Q	2017-18 % Change
Burglary	1,150	1,188	1,157	1,104	Less than 1%
Larceny	3,194	3,178	3,398	3,005	-12%
Vehicle Theft	335	330	364	312	-14%
Property Crime	4,679	4,696	4,919	4,421	-10%

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Clearance Rates

Crime Category	DPD 2018 2Q	DPD 2017 Total	FBI 2016
Homicide	100%*	85.7%	50.1%
Rape	47.4%	46.2%	32.6%
Robbery	43.8%	23.3%	24.6%
Aggravated Assault	46.3%	34.8%	44.2%
Violent Crime	46.4%	31.6%	37.1%
Burglary	13.9%	13.6%	10.3%
Larceny	19.5%	19.8%	16.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	21.1%	13.3%	10.5%
Property Crime	18.2%	17.9%	14.8%

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Priority 1 Call Responses

The average response time to Priority 1 calls during the first six months was 6.12 minutes, which did not meet our target average of 5.8 minutes; 51.3 percent of Priority 1 calls were answered in under five minutes during the first six months. That did not meet the target of 57 percent.

Staffing Levels

The DPD's sworn staffing was at 91 percent at the end of June 2018. Our non-sworn staffing was at 87 percent at the end of June 2018.

Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes January-June

	<i>YTD 2016</i>	<i>YTD 2017</i>	<i>YTD 2018</i>
<i>Murder</i>	4	1	3
<i>Rape</i>	7	18	8
<i>Robbery</i>	6	9	8
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	129	143	127
<i>Part 1 Violent Crime</i>	146	171	146
<i>Burglary</i>	53	52	52
<i>Larceny</i>	92	77	72
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	10	8	6
<i>Property Crime</i>	155	137	130
<i>Part 1 Index Crime</i>	301	308	276

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Youth Arrests (16-17) and Juvenile Petitions (<16) for January-June 2018

Offense/Age	08	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault							3		3
All Other Offenses			1		15	7	9	16	48
Burglary					2	1	7	3	13
Disorderly Conduct								1	1
Drug Violations				1	1	1	5	9	17
Forgery/Counterfeiting								1	1
Fraud				1		1	8	1	11
Larceny		1	1		4	5	15	16	42
Liquor Law Violations								1	1
Non-Reportable Offenses					1	1		2	4
Robbery					1		3	4	8
Sex Offense					1				1
Simple Assault			1	1	3	3	3	9	20
Stolen Property					4	5	5	3	17
Vandalism	1				2	2	3	5	13
Weapons Violations						2	2	2	6
Grand Total	1	1	3	3	34	28	63	73	206

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Part 2 Offenses
January to June

Offense	2016	2017	2018
All Other Offenses	299	269	338
Arson	11	22	17
Disorderly Conduct	21	23	14
Driving While Impaired	262	136	151
Drug Violations	606	302	299
Embezzlement	74	65	56
Forgery/Counterfeiting	73	82	62
Fraud	805	882	790
Liquor Law Violations	13	8	6
Obscene Material/Pornography	14	20	13
Offenses Against Family	50	73	35
Prostitution	2	1	24
Sex Offense	58	60	77
Simple Assault	974	899	876
Stolen Property	27	20	28
Vandalism	853	890	699
Weapons Violations	135	144	105

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Misdemeanor Diversion Program

Misdemeanor Diversion Program Update

16 and 17-year-olds (April 2014-June 30, 2018):

356 youth enrolled to date with a 98% completion rate. 89% have remained out of trouble one year or longer after successful program completion.

Demographics: 60% African-American; 21% Caucasian; 17% Hispanic; and 2% Asian/Pacific Islander

Referral Sources: 49% DPD; 4% DPD SROs; 45% Sheriff SROs; and 2% Sheriff

Referrals to Wrap-Around Services: 486 total for mental health, substance use, educational, employment, extracurricular activities and mentoring

18- to 21-year-olds (October 2016-June 30, 2018):

186 young people enrolled to date with a 100% completion rate. 89% have remained out of trouble one year or longer after successful program completion.

Demographics: 56% African-American; 30% Caucasian; 12% Hispanic; and 2% Asian/Pacific Islander

Referral Sources: 66% DPD; 2% DPD SROs; 11% Sheriff SROs; 4% Sheriff; 18% ABC/ALE

Referrals to Wrap-Around Services: 137 total for mental health, substance use, employment assistance, housing and educational

Adult MDP (18- to 21-year-olds) CY Q2 2018

22 referrals total

Referral Sources: 16 from DPD; 5 from ABC/ALE; and 1 from Sheriff/SRO

Demographics: 14 African-American; 5 White; 2 Hispanic; 1 AS/PI

Referral Sources: 10 wraparound services for mental health, substance use, employment assistance, housing and education

13 successful completions and 5 still enrolled on track to successfully complete

No new allegations this quarter

Police Recruit Applicants Tested During the 2nd Quarter 2018

2018 2nd Quarter	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test	Durham Residents Total	Durham Residents Failed Test
White Male	21	2	0	3	0
White Female	2	0	0	0	0
African-American Male	17	1	0	5	0
African-American Female	6	1	1	4	1
Latino Male	6	1	0	2	0
Latino Female	4	1	1	2	1
Totals	56	6	2	16	2

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division

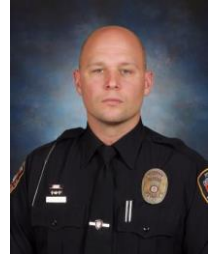
Recruiting Unit Job Fairs and Open Houses - The Recruiting Unit attended job fairs and open houses at the following locations during the second quarter: Wake Tech B.L.E.T., Navy Tri-Base Job Fair, Livingston College, Wilson County DSS Job Fair, Hire SC Alumni Career Fair, ECPI/Raleigh Career Fair, Stratford University, Gardner Webb University, Community Job Fair/Durham Housing Authority, West Virginia State University, North Carolina Central University, Carolina Theatre, Northgate Mall (Touch A Truck), Lawrence Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem, Nash Community College, Durham Central Park, Winston-Salem Career Fair, Military Job Fair in Virginia Beach, DBAP (Touch A Truck), Juneteenth Festival and Fitness Connection in Durham.

Above and Beyond

CPR Lifesaving - in May, Squad 3-D Officers C.E. Bernock, J.J. Holmes and B.M. Baker were dispatched to a medical call about an unconscious woman. When they arrived, the woman's boyfriend was attempting to revive her in their apartment. The officers quickly discovered that the woman was not breathing and did not have a pulse. The officers immediately began performing CPR and other lifesaving measures. They continued doing CPR until EMS arrived and then assisted EMS for a long time until they regained a pulse.

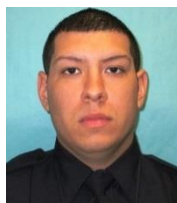
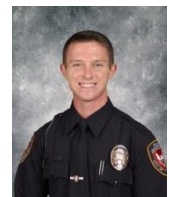
The woman had a pulse and was breathing when she was transported to the hospital.

The boyfriend was highly emotional as officers and EMS were working on the woman, but officers were able to keep the scene secure and show empathy at the same time. The boyfriend hugged Officer Bernock when he was told that his girlfriend's pulse had returned.



Heartsaver Hero Awards - The American Heart Association awarded Heartsaver Hero Awards in May to the following DPD officers:

- **Officer J.C. Hann** -- In February, Officer J.C. Hann responded to a cardiac arrest call. When he arrived on scene, he found a female who did not have a pulse. He immediately moved her to the floor and began CPR. He continued CPR until relieved by medics a few minutes later. A pulse was regained and she was transported to the hospital. Officer Hann's quick actions and response saved a life.
- **Officer H.C. Booth** - In March, Officer Booth responded to an unknown police problem call while on night shift. When Officer Booth arrived, the victim was found pulseless in a vehicle. Officer Booth performed chest compressions, while the victim's girlfriend gave breaths. The victim regained a pulse. EMS arrived and took over treatment. (Officer Booth saved a second person in July by performing CPR).
- **Cpl. A.R. Massie, Cpl. R.A. McQueen and Officer R.V. Gamboa Jr.** -- The victim was found unresponsive by his spouse. Cpl. Massie pulled the victim from where he collapsed near the bed/wall to an open area in the bedroom. He began chest compressions while Officer Gamboa retrieved his pocket mask and performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Cpl. McQueen got an automated external defibrillator (AED) and shocked the man twice. Officers and EMS regained a pulse and heartbeat.



Stolen Wheelchair - When Christine Burke called the police to report that her \$5,000 electric wheelchair had been stolen, she had no idea that the investigator assigned to the case – District 3 Investigator Ron Guardino – would turn out to be her guardian angel. He donated a wheelchair to Ms. Burke to replace the stolen one and he bought materials and constructed a handicap ramp to make her apartment more accessible.

Investigator Guardino had few leads when he was assigned the case in mid-May. He went to speak with Ms. Burke and learned that she used a bicycle lock to lock her wheelchair outside her apartment because she was unable to lift it over the front door threshold which was six inches off the ground.

Investigator Guardino had a slightly used \$5,000 electric wheelchair that a relative no longer used and decided to give it to Ms. Burke. The relative told Investigator Guardino he was happy to know it was going to someone who needed it. Investigator Guardino delivered the wheelchair to Ms. Burke on his day off. He purchased materials and built a handicap ramp so Ms. Burke can easily maneuver her wheelchair into her apartment instead of having to keep it outside. Ms. Burke told Investigator Guardino she was extremely grateful for his assistance.



Motorist Assistance - In May, Squad 4-B Officer J.N. Rowsey, responded to a call about a stranded motorist on Interstate 40. A caller told 911 dispatchers that an elderly woman was swerving all over the road and appeared to be in distress. Officer Rowsey found an elderly female in a vehicle on the side of the highway. She had run out of gas and did not have a phone. Upon further investigation, Officer Rowsey learned that the woman had been reported missing from Wilmington and suffers from dementia. She also learned that the woman had not eaten all day. Officer Rowsey came up with a plan for action to keep the woman safe until her family arrived and arrangements were made to get the vehicle back to Wilmington.

Officer Rowsey then took the woman to a restaurant and bought her a meal and a Pepsi, which is the woman's favorite drink. After the meal, she took the woman to headquarters, where she could wait in a safe and comfortable environment until her family could get to Durham. "Officer Rowsey's selflessness in making sure (the woman) was taken care of and safe is a testament to her desire to not only serve the citizens of Durham, but also people in general," her supervisor said.





Assisting a Veteran - Cpl. C.Q. Goss and Officer G.M. Rogers with Squad 4-B demonstrated kindness as well as some pretty impressive cooking skills when they responded to a call to check on a man at his home. When they arrived at the house, the officers found a military veteran in his 80s who had not eaten in several days because he was unable to get to his

kitchen. Cpl. Goss and Officer Rogers immediately went to work to help him. They cooked up a sausage, egg and pepper scramble and added bagels, cottage cheese, Gatorade and orange juice to the meal to make sure the man was cared for and well fed before they left.

Employee Awards and Honors

FBI National Academy Graduate - Capt. Marianne Bond graduated on June 8 from the 272nd session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. "The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. The 10-week program—which provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science—serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide," according to the FBI Academy website. Capt. Bond currently serves as the Executive Officer to the Chief.



'Making a Difference for Durham Families Award' - DPD Capt. David Addison was honored on May 3 for his contributions to the Durham community when he received a "Making a Difference for Durham Families" award from Durham System of Care. Capt. Addison, the commander of the Special Services Division, was recognized for his work with Legal Aid and his volunteer work with children. The award recognizes those who are dedicated to "helping the individuals, families and children of Durham County succeed in their community."

Advanced Law Enforcement Certificates - Four DPD officers were awarded Advanced Law Enforcement Certificates during the second quarter. This is the highest level of professional certification issued by the North Carolina Department of Justice to police officers who have completed the required years of service, professional training and continuing education. Cpl. T.A. Scozzafava, Cpl. D.J. Kuszaj, K9 Officer B.K. Johnson and Officer K.L. Geyer earned the certificates.

Durham Civitan Club's Louis J. Carver Outstanding Service Award - Cpl. D.P. Strandh with the Traffic Services Unit received the Durham Civitan Club's Louis J. Carver Outstanding Service Award on May 10 in recognition of his overall strong work and an act of kindness he performed in June 2017.

Cpl. Strandh stopped a woman for speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and having an expired inspection sticker. She had her child with her and was on her way to donate plasma for money since she had recently lost her job. The car's tires had little tread on them and the car would not have passed inspection. Instead of giving her three tickets, Cpl. Strandh took her to Mr. Tire, paid for a set of new tires and a vehicle inspection.



"When he went up to pay for the tire, he pulls out a debit card and it had his children on it," the driver said. "The first thing that pops into my head is that, you're a cop, on a cop's salary, and you're about to drop \$200 on me? You don't know me." She added, "That type of consideration and compassion isn't something that you're really used to like nowadays with humans in general, especially not police officers."



Promotion Ceremony - More than 130 Durham police employees, sworn and civilian, were honored at a promotion ceremony on April 30. The keynote speaker for the program was Duke University Vice President of Durham & Regional Affairs Dr. Phail Wynn Jr., Ph.D. The promotions included one deputy chief, two assistant chiefs, three captains, six lieutenants, 14 sergeants, 23 corporals, 80 investigators, one administrative coordinator, one assistant records supervisor, one crime scene investigator, one employee information services (EIS) supervisor, two forensic services supervisors and one two records supervisors.

2018 DPD Service Awards (May 24 Ceremony)

Community Service Medal (DPD Employees)

The Community Service Medal honors DPD police officers, non-sworn DPD employees and members of the general public for service to the community above and beyond the call of duty

Cpl. J.B. Knight - Cpl. Knight was recognized for her work with the American Heart Association's *Little Hats Big Hearts* initiative during the holiday season. Cpl. Knight dedicated at least 15 hours a week for two months to this project. As a result, DPD employees donated more than 200 hats to babies born at Duke University Hospital and Duke Regional Hospital.

Officer B.L. Taylor - On November 19, 2017, Officer Taylor demonstrated excellent community-oriented policing by assisting a woman whose home was damaged by a fire. The resident was not hurt but two windows and a side door were badly damaged, leaving the house unsecure. The owner of the home was sleeping in a car outside the house because it was unlivable inside, but she did not want to leave because she was afraid someone would steal her belongings, including items belonging to her late husband. Officer Taylor was able to gather donated supplies and, with help from other officers, secure the damaged home after two hours of work. These actions by Officer Taylor and his fellow officers prevented the woman from being harmed by sleeping in her car overnight in near-freezing temperatures.

Officer R.B. Humphrey - Officer Humphrey was recognized for going above and beyond to assist an injured security guard. The security guard worked at several apartment complexes and convenience stores in Durham and many DPD officers knew him. In July 2017, the security guard was shot several times in the back while trying to break up a fight at a club in Raleigh. The injuries caused him to be paralyzed from the waist down. Officer Humphrey made contact with the security guard who told him he couldn't come home because he didn't have a handicap ramp and the landlord wouldn't build one. The security guard is married with children and is an animal lover with numerous dogs at home. On August 23, Officer Humphrey took it upon himself to build a handicap ramp for the security guard so he could come home. Officer Humphrey spent more than \$200 of his own money to buy the materials and spent more than eight hours building a handicap ramp with railings at the house. In addition, Officer Humphrey spent \$75 to buy food for the man's dogs.

Certificates of Merit

Certificates of Merit are presented for outstanding performance or devotion to duty, possibly involving personal safety.

Capt. Walter Tate - On June 27, 2017, Capt. Walter Tate saved a 3-year-old girl from drowning at a local swimming pool. Capt. Tate was at the pool while his child was taking a swimming lesson. He was watching the many children taking lessons when he heard a woman yelling for help and saw a young

girl fully submerged in the water. Capt. Tate, who had been sitting in the bleachers near the pool, jumped in the pool without hesitation while still wearing his shoes and regular clothes with his phone in his pocket. Capt. Tate pulled the child from the pool, held her in his arms and hit her multiple times on the back until she spit out water and started to breathe. The mother of the young girl was extremely grateful for Capt. Tate's act of heroism and contacted the DPD to ensure that his efforts did not go unnoticed.

Cpl. J.J. Barazandeh - Cpl. Barazandeh was recognized for his rescue of two women from an icy creek during a snowstorm on January 17, 2018. Officers were dispatched to a call about a vehicle sliding down an embankment and into a creek in the 2600 block of Dearborn Drive shortly after 1 p.m. and Cpl. Barazandeh was the first person on the scene. He saw two women – one in her 30s and one in her 60s – clinging to the door jamb of a fully submerged car. The women, who were waist deep in the water, were waving their arms and calling for help.

Cpl. Barazandeh did not hesitate to help the women. He took off his duty belt and jumped into the icy creek, which was at the bottom of a steep embankment. He was able to reach the car and guide both women, floating them on their stomachs, to the shoreline. By that time, two passing motorists had stopped and helped pull the women and Cpl. Barazandeh to safety.

Paramedics arrived and treated the women. Cpl. Barazandeh dried off, took a hot shower and quickly returned to work. Both women recovered from their ordeal, thanks to Officer Barazandeh's quick actions and bravery.

Lt. David Anthony - Lt. David Anthony was recognized for his outstanding performance in providing training for sworn officers. In June 2017, Lt. Anthony completed Master Taser Instructor training, which is an in-depth instruction course which requires extensive experience to be selected for the class. This advanced class was very helpful for the department because Lt. Anthony can now certify Taser users and Taser instructors at no cost to the department.

During this training Lt. Anthony noticed a portable training device that simulates interior rooms, which can provide vital training to officers by supplying a wide variety of training scenarios. Lt. Anthony recognized that this equipment could provide valuable training opportunities for DPD employees and took photos and notes about the device. Lt. Anthony took it upon himself to purchase approximately \$500 worth of materials and spent many hours putting together a similar training device. He unveiled this new tool during the annual in-service Taser training and BLET reality-based training week.

Cpl. L.P. Van Dewater, Officer J.M. Weiss and Officer A.P. Ramos - Cpl. Van Dewater and Officers Weiss and Ramos were recognized for saving the life of a woman who was threatening to jump off a bridge onto the Durham Freeway during rush hour on January 16, 2018. A short time later, Cpl. Van Dewater spotted the woman hanging from a newly constructed bridge high over the Durham Freeway between the Briggs Avenue and Ellis Road exits. The woman was hanging onto the railing with both hands and would have fallen onto the highway had she let go.

Cpl. Van Dewater straddled a concrete barrier on the bridge to get closer to the woman and spoke with her, trying to keep her calm. Cpl. Van Dewater continued to speak with the woman, building her trust and keeping her focused on him. When Officers Ramos and Weiss arrived, Officer Ramos distracted the

woman for a split second, allowing Cpl. Van Dewater to grab her coat. Cpl. Van Dewater jumped to the outer side of the bridge wall, which put him in a very precarious position approximately 80 feet above the highway with no protection. The officers tried to pull her over the concrete barrier back onto the bridge, but it was too high.

Officer Weiss was able to reach over and grab the woman by the back of her pants, preventing her from falling off the bridge and possibly knocking Cpl. Van Dewater off the bridge. The bridge railing was starting to crack and break as the officers pulled the woman to safety. The woman was uninjured and taken to the hospital for treatment. During the rescue, the officers displayed extraordinary patience, courage, communication and teamwork.

Inv. E.E. Ortiz, Cpl. K. De La Cruz and Officer A.M. Acker - Cpl. De La Cruz, Inv. Ortiz and Officer Acker were recognized for rescuing two women from a sinking car in a water retention pond. On June 28, 2017, officers were dispatched to a call about a car in a pond in the 4500 block of South Alston Avenue near N.C. 54 Highway. A woman was driving a Honda and was attempting to turn into a parking lot when she hit a tree and went into the pond, which was approximately 10 feet deep.

The driver and a pregnant passenger in her car were trapped in the vehicle, which was sinking into the pond, when Officers De La Cruz, Ortiz and Acker arrived on the scene within two minutes. Several bystanders were yelling and pointing at the pond which was at the bottom of a steep embankment. The officers could see a small silver car, which was halfway submerged and still sinking. The two women were still inside the sinking car and appeared to be panicking. Knowing the time was running out, the officers without hesitation ran down the steep embankment and dove into the water while wearing approximately 30 pounds of gear each. The women were trapped inside the vehicle and unable to open the car doors.

David Plitt, a police applicant who was riding with Officer De La Cruz, saw that the officers were unable to touch the bottom of the pond and might need additional assistance. He ran down the embankment and jumped in the pond to help the officers. As the car was sinking nose first into the water, the officers and Mr. Plitt were able to open the rear doors of the car and pull the women out of the vehicle. They swam the women back to the edge of the pond and helped them up the hill to be evaluated by EMTs. Neither woman suffered serious injuries, but the pregnant passenger was taken to the hospital to be checked out. The Honda was completely submerged in the water shortly after the women were rescued.

Sgt. D.A. Ferrell - Sgt. Ferrell was recognized for saving a dog from a burning house on May 9, 2017. Sgt. Ferrell was on his lunch break when he noticed smoke coming from a home on Valleymeade Drive and reported the fire. Sgt. Ferrell, who was wearing plain clothes, ran to the home and saw that the second floor was engulfed in flames. When he went to the front door, he saw a dog inside the house. Sgt. Ferrell kicked in the door and rescued the dog. He further checked the house to be sure no one was home.

The dog's owners expressed their gratitude to Sgt. Ferrell for saving their beloved 4-year-old pet Goldendoodle, Griffin, and called Sgt. Ferrell Griffin's guardian angel.

Officer J.R. Thomson, Officer R.M. Cone and Officer J.M. Burns - Officers Thomson, Cone and Burns were recognized for their successful handling of a suicide threat call in September 2017. The caller said the man may be in his garage and was threatening to kill himself with a knife. Officers Thomson, Cone and Burns entered the garage and found the man sitting in a chair holding a knife. Officer Cone began to speak with the man who told him how hard and difficult it was for him to cope with things. The officers continued to speak with the man and asked him several times to drop the knife, but he refused. He asked the officers their names and then told Officer Cone that it was too hard for him to kill himself so he was going to force Officer Cone to do it. The man, who still had the knife in his hand, took several steps toward the officers. At this time, Officer Thomson was able to deploy his Taser, causing the man to drop the knife.

Cpl. M.W. Brown Jr. - In February 2018, Cpl. Brown was dispatched to a call about a man armed with a firearm. When Cpl. Brown arrived on the scene, he found a man armed with a shotgun and in distress. Cpl. Brown repeatedly ordered the man to put the gun down, but the man refused and pleaded with Cpl. Brown to shoot him. Cpl. Brown continued to speak with the man for well over 10 minutes. After repeated directives to put the gun down, the man placed the gun on a trash can, put his hands in the air and was taken into custody.

During this tense and stressful situation, Cpl. Brown exhibited the patience and control of a veteran supervisor. He remained calm and poised while expressing compassion for a person in distress. As the man was being placed into custody, Cpl. Brown hugged him and reassured that he would get the help he needed. He also encouraged the man's family members to speak with the man before he was taken to the hospital.

Police Medal

The Police Medal is presented by the department to community members who apprehend or cause to be apprehended a dangerous person(s) at grave and/or imminent danger to themselves; or to community members who perform an act that warrants such recognition

George "Mike" Atkins - On February 7, 2018, officers received a call about a man who was standing on the Hillandale Road bridge over Interstate 85 and appeared to be suicidal. Officers were told that the man was trying to climb over the bridge railing and several people were trying to stop him from jumping. When officers arrived on the scene around 8 a.m. they saw four people - retired Durham Fire Department firefighter Mike Atkins, two unidentified Duke medical professionals and another unidentified man - standing by a man who had one leg over the bridge railing and who was saying he wanted to die. When the man saw the patrol car, he quickly tried to put his other leg over the railing so he could jump.

Atkins and the three other people grabbed the man and pulled him back over the bridge railing so that officers were able to get control of him and bring him to safety. The bystanders continued to comfort the man while the officers prepared to have him transported to the hospital.

Mike Atkins went above and beyond, putting his own life at risk to save the life of a stranger and he did it without hesitation. We want to commend his bravery and heroism. (The DPD has been unable to identify the other three people who helped save the man's life).

Distinguished Service Medal

The Distinguished Service Medal is presented by the department to sworn or non-sworn employee(s) who apprehend or cause to be apprehended a dangerous person(s) at grave and/or imminent danger to the employee(s), or to employee(s) who perform an act that warrants such recognition.

Cpl. C.Q. Goss, Officer A.M. Harton and Officer G.M. Rogers - Cpl. Goss and Officers Harton and Rogers were recognized for their outstanding work in capturing four violent crime suspects after a multi-jurisdictional police chase on October 30, 2017.

The suspects were believed to have been involved in at least five armed robberies and a shooting in Durham and Cary and they had fled in a stolen vehicle. Officer Harton located the stolen vehicle in Durham and he and Officer Rogers attempted to stop it, but the driver sped away. Cpl. Goss was able to confirm that the vehicle was the one that had been reported stolen and fell in behind Officers Harton and Rogers so he could call out the chase over the main police emergency channel. This allowed Officers Rogers and Harton to concentrate on their driving and watch out for the safety of other motorists. The 26.1-mile chase went through Durham and several jurisdictions in Wake County. Despite being unfamiliar with the area, Cpl. Goss and Officers Harton and Rogers remained calm and composed and displayed due regard for other motorists.

The vehicle crashed in Wake County before any officers from Wake County had joined the pursuit. Despite being outnumbered and in an unfamiliar area, the officers slowly, safely and tactically approached the wrecked vehicle and took four suspects into custody. They rendered first aid to the four men until EMS arrived. A fifth suspect was later apprehended and two firearms were recovered.

Officers Harton and Rogers displayed keen focus as they safely navigated their vehicles during the pursuit and demonstrated quick thinking, determination and ability to maintain professionalism. Cpl. Goss displayed superior leadership capabilities during an extremely stressful situation and ensured that the officers under his command could focus on the pursuit without distraction. Cpl. Goss and Officers Harton and Rogers demonstrated teamwork, skill and bravery, which resulted in five violent crime suspects being arrested and two firearms being taken off the streets.

Sgt. D.M. Leeder and Officer T.A. Paylor - Sgt. Leeder and Officer Paylor were recognized for saving the life of a man trapped in his car on the train tracks when a train was fast approaching. Sgt. Leeder and Officer Paylor responded to an accident on the railroad tracks at Plum and Pettigrew Streets on October 30, 2017. A car had run off the road and the front of the car was on the train tracks as a train was approaching. When Officer Paylor arrived on scene, the driver was still in the vehicle and unable to get

out. When Sgt. Leeder got to the accident scene, he could see the train approaching and hear the bells on the crossing arms chiming. As Sgt. Leeder was running across the tracks to assist Officer Paylor, 911 communicators were telling the officers to clear the area because the train would not be able to stop in time. Despite the warning, Sgt. Leeder and Officer Paylor continued to try to free the driver from the vehicle. They were able to move the driver far enough away from the tracks so that he would not be hit by the train. Fortunately, the train was able to stop just yards away from the accident scene. Officers later learned that the train had been carrying a cargo of chemicals. Sgt. Leeder and Officer Paylor displayed bravery, teamwork and valor by risking their lives to save the life of a stranger.

Civilian of the Year

David Reynolds - David Reynolds, the Durham Police Department's civilian employee of the year, handles the daily facilities matters in the Durham Police Department. These matters range from climate/temperature issues that must be addressed through a host of different approaches, to furniture requests that are thrust upon him from every corner of the organization and access control/ID issues.

Aside from these daily tasks that need attention, Mr. Reynolds has taken the lead on implementing two major department projects – the surveillance camera project and the upfit of a unit in McDougald Terrace for our new Community Engagement Unit.

In addition, Mr. Reynolds does whatever the department asks him to do. This has included coordinating employee appreciation lunches, illuminating DPD HQ for community events, assisting units with moving and cleaning and handling a host of requests that have nothing to do with his actual job function. When anyone asks Mr. Reynolds for help, he does his best to handle the requests. He has demonstrated outstanding commitment to his job, the Durham Police Department and the City of Durham.

Officer of the Year

Officer John Wagstaff - Officer Wagstaff is a young officer who has shown his dedication to the Durham Police Department and the City of Durham by providing outstanding customer service in many forms. He attends numerous community events where he routinely interacts with residents. He passes out clothing donated from several churches, distributes food from the local food bank and attends meetings held by the Religious Coalition for a Non-Violent Durham.

In response to numerous complaints about reckless dirt bike drivers, Officer Wagstaff has used social media as a crime fighting tool. He has also shared his expertise in this area with other officers. He has sworn out hundreds of traffic charges on dirt bikers who have been causing issues. During the past year, Officer Wagstaff has come up with two crime prevention initiatives in his district following requests from residents. Officer Wagstaff has demonstrated excellent customer service to the residents of Durham and has dedicated numerous hours on-duty and off-duty to address quality of life issues.

April Employees of the Month

District 2 - Officer J.K. Conser, Squad 2-D - Officer Conser's supervisors described him as "an exemplary police officer with great enthusiasm and who displays an excellent work attitude. Officer Conser is a thorough officer who pays close attention to details and follows through with his investigations. He also reaches out to other units and maximizes the use of all his resources. Officer Conser creates quality product in his duties on a daily basis."

Officer Conser's dedication to the protection of citizens also extends to his military service. He has also volunteered to become a patrol sharpshooter as well as being a part of the Bio-Chemical Emergency Response Team (B-CERT). "Many times when patrol receives calls where these skills are needed, he is the first to respond, no matter what location in the city this is," his supervisors said.

He was recognized for handling of a break-in in progress call, which led to a possible suspect. He also solved a break-in to vehicle and fraud case by taking extra steps to follow up on his call.

His supervisors added, "Officer Conser possesses great investigative skills, outstanding communication and report writing abilities and has a high level of motivation. Despite the overwhelming amount of work that everyone has to do, Officer Conser consistently finds ways to go above and beyond in his investigations. His commitment and willingness to assist others has built him a reputation among his peers as a trustworthy and reliable officer."

Special Services Division (Central District) - Investigator K.L. Kozar, Traffic Services Unit - Inv. Kozar's supervisors described her as "a huge asset to the Durham Police Department Traffic Service Unit. During her time on TACT she has become one of the top DWI and traffic experts of the Durham Police Department." Investigator Kozar has had such a significant impact in traffic enforcement that Assistant District Attorney Dale Morrill nominated her for the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Police Officer of the Year due to her exemplary record of DWI convictions during 2017. According to Mr. Morrill, during 2017 all of her DWI cases ended in convictions with no not guilty findings nor dismissals.

Investigator Kozar is always trying to increase her training and experience to show her commitment and passion for her job. She is a certified child passenger seat installer and a crash reconstruction expert. Investigator Kozar is always willing to assist anyone that needs help, be it officer or citizen, according to her supervisors.

Community Services Division - Officer Lawanda Mock, District 3 Community Resource Officer - Officer Mock's "performance in crime prevention, community outreach, and public relations is second to none. Officer Mock takes the initiative to develop a very professional relationship with the community she serves. Officer Mock is very dedicated and spends a great deal of her time in the community days, nights and weekends," according to her supervisor. He praised her

“outstanding leadership and tireless efforts on addressing and raising awareness about personal safety and community relations.”

Officer Mock was recognized for her work in planning and coordinating the DPD’s annual Block Captains Workshop and in organizing crime prevention events in District 3. She frequently speaks to groups and raises awareness about personal safety awareness and community relations. Officer Mock works closely with businesses to improve safety and her district has the most active (75) Neighborhood Watch programs in the city.

In addition, Officer Mock spends a lot of her personal time working with the Girl Scouts of America and mentoring young girls through educational outings and youth empowerment campaigns.

Public Affairs Unit - Kammie Michael, Public Information Officer - Ms. Michael was recognized for her work in producing the chief’s quarterly reports for City Council. According to her supervisor, “These reports are obviously important and they involve a great deal of information gathering from various sources. Kammie goes the extra mile to include information in the reports beyond the statistics. The additional information highlights officers and their work, and it helps city leaders better understand the excellent work that officers are doing.”

Ms. Michael is the daytime first point of contact for the media and is the primary backup after hours and on weekends. She is the key coordinator for the DPD Facebook page and is the website coordinator. She serves as a member of the DPD Service Awards Committee and sits on the Non-Sworn Employee Advisory Board and Durham City/County CrimeStoppers Board. She also represents the DPD on the monthly Durham Public Information Officer Council.

May Employees of the Month

District 3 - Officer M.T. Gist, Squad 3-A - Officer Gist was recognized for her outstanding work in handling a call in May. She responded to a call about the theft of a firearm and a guitar. Officer Gist investigated the call further and discovered the items had been sold to a pawn shop. She located the stolen items and returned them to the owner. She was also able to obtain felony warrants on two suspects.

Special Services Division (Central District) - K9 Officer M.D. Mues, K9 Unit - K9 Officer Mues was recognized for his work with his K9 Hoss, who has been his partner for just eight months. During May, K9 Officer Mues and K9 Hoss found a stolen gun on a drug call, located a jump-and-run suspect hiding in the woods, located a firearm and a jump-and-run suspect and assisted the Hillsborough Police Department in locating a home invasion suspect and a firearm.

K9 Officer Mues’ commanders praised his knowledge, skills and willingness to help others. “Officer Mues also takes pride in sharing his knowledge and experience with officers and residents, young and old. Not only is he a trainer for the K9 unit itself but he is the lead Instructor for our Academy’s Patrol Techniques

block of Instruction. All of this is in addition to his regular duties as a k9 handler and the multiple demonstrations that he performs for schools, civic groups and other organizations on a weekly basis," they said.

Criminal Investigations Division - Inv. M.T. Bynum, Special Victims Unit - Investigator Bynum was assigned a case involving an attempted sexual assault on a Duke University graduate student. Inv. Bynum went to the scene and did a canvass. He then returned to the scene and conducted another canvass. As a result of his hard work, he gathered information and developed strong leads. Inv. Bynum was able to make an arrest within 32 hours. His supervisors praised his tireless work and dedication to the case.

Organized Crime Division - Officer A.J. Shepard, Gang Unit - Officer Shepard was recognized for a combination of his monthly productivity and his interpersonal abilities. He has assumed an informal leadership role in his unit. "Officer Shepard is the first to offer assistance or volunteer for any assignment and it is always done in a helpful tone. He possesses a keen understanding of law enforcement and departmental policy but also has the ability to call on other officers on his unit for advice. Officer Shepard has also worked extremely hard on his gang investigations. In addition, he volunteers to attend training to improve his investigative and interviewing skills," according to his supervisors. They also praised his "professionalism, attention to detail, work ethic, and desire for excellence. Three of his recent firearms cases have been adopted by the federal system due to his thorough and meticulous investigations.

Training Division - Cpl. J.B. Knight, In-Service Training Coordinator - Cpl. Knight was recognized for her work in coordinating the department's second session of in-service training which included Legal Updates and Equality in Policing. She continually monitored the classes to ensure that protocols were being followed. She also prepared and submitted documentation to the state for officers' advanced and intermediate training certificates, continuing education classes and other state-mandated courses. "Cpl. Knight spent many weeks working long hours to ensure that the department and its officers were in compliance with North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards guidelines," her supervisors said.

Community Services Division - Jennifer Hinchey, Victim Services Unit - Ms. Hinchey was recognized for her tireless work on behalf of victims as well as her work ethic and attention to detail. She was recognized for her leadership role in putting together and moderating a retreat for non-sworn employees and in working with vendors to make necessary purchases for her division. "While juggling a portion of these responsibilities, Ms. Hinchey also conducted not only Durham's annual Victim Services activities, but was a lead organizer/moderator for our state's two annual Victim Services ceremonies in Raleigh," a co-worker said. The co-worker also commended "her willingness to assist other units, her leadership vision to see needs and personally fill gaps, and her superhuman ability to juggle multiple assigned responsibilities all the while managing her own workload."

June Employees of the Month

District 3 - Investigator R.J. Guardino Jr., District 3 Investigations - Inv. Guardino has been a District 3 investigator for more than 13 years. During May and June, District 3 experienced a high volume of vehicle break-ins and Inv. Guardino was assigned the cases. As a result of his investigation, several items were recovered and two people were arrested on a total of 101 criminal charges. These arrests cleared 19 cases. During this time, Inv. Guardino was assigned a larceny case in which hired caretakers of an elderly couple were allegedly stealing money and other items from the husband and wife. Inv. Guardino compiled overwhelming evidence and filed a total of 79 charges against the two caretakers. Inv. Guardino was also assigned a case involving the larceny of a wheelchair from an elderly woman. Inv. Guardino donated a \$5,000 slightly used wheelchair to the woman and also purchased items so he could build a wheelchair ramp for her so she could store her wheelchair inside her apartment.

Special Services Division (Central District) - Officer Richard Armstrong, Squad 5-D - Earlier this year, Officer Armstrong was seriously injured when his patrol car was rear-ended by a truck. While recovering, he was assigned to District 5 Criminal Investigations Division. "Since joining 5-D he has not only assisted with investigations but has also shown he can lead investigations and operations on his own," his supervisors said. "Unlike most traditional officers, Officer Armstrong sought out opportunities to assist on more cases, as he continued to identify suspects that led to numerous offenders being arrested. Officer Armstrong cleared several cases during his temporary assignment. Officer Armstrong's work ethic and drive made it an easy transition from patrol to his tour of duty in CID," according to his commanders. Officer Armstrong finished in the top five in a recent process for investigators.

District 4 - Cpl. C.Q. Goss and Officer G.M. Rogers, Squad 4-B - Cpl. Goss and Officer Rogers were recognized for displaying kindness and some pretty impressive cooking skills when they responded to a welfare check call. They found an elderly military veteran in his 80s who had not eaten in several days because he was unable to get to his kitchen. Cpl. Goss and Officer Rogers immediately went to work and prepared a large breakfast for the man. They ensured that he was well cared for and fed before they left. The following day the officers returned to the man's house for a follow-up visit and found out that several neighbors were stepping up to assist the man. The officers also helped find additional resources to help him. "These officers went above and beyond to serve the community. The selfless acts of these officers demonstrate how the Durham Police Department continues to be a leader in community service," according to District 4 commanders.

Community Services Division - Community Engagement Unit (Sgt. D. Macaluso, Cpl. R. Andrzejewski Jr., Senior Patrol Officer E.J. Jeffries and Officers D.B. Daye, R.D. Trice, L.E. Thomas, K.M. Ramos-Disla, R.D. Taylor, R.A. Grillasca III and J.D. Graham) - The Community Engagement Unit, which was formed earlier this year, has a goal of engaging and partnering with Durham Housing Authority residents to address community problems. This goal has been met. The unit's achievements have included a Community Clean-Up Day in McDougald Terrace, a youth movie outing, a bingo night, swimming trips and "countless other efforts to improve the lives and relationships with residents of McDougald Terrace

and Cornwallis.” According to the division’s commanders, the CEU officers have received “accolades from residents, Durham Housing Authority staff, community partners and others.”

Community Outreach

Victims’ Rights Week - The Durham Police Department’s Community Services Division, in commemoration of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW), April 8-14, 2018, hosted two outreach events to raise awareness about crime victims’ issues and rights and introduce the community to the important resources and services available.

The Durham Police Department’s Hispanic Liaison Officer and the LGBTQ Liaison Officer hosted outreach events to strengthen police-community relationships within the respective populations.

Wednesday, April 11: Hispanic Community Outreach

El Centro Hispano

Residents were invited to meet with DPD’s Hispanic Liaison Officer and Victim Services staff, learn about services and resources, pick up giveaways and enjoy refreshments.

Wednesday, April 18: Community Discussions on Hate and Bias Crimes

NCCU Student Union Building

DPD’s LGBTQ Liaison Officer hosted a panel discussion to address legal concerns of LGBTQ residents and to raise awareness of City of Durham policies.

Annual Safety Workshop - The Durham Police Department Community Resource Unit held its annual safety workshop on April 28, 2018 at The Carolina Theatre. Topics included Police 2 Citizen (P2C), Telephone Response Unit (TRU), Community Crime Map, Bike and Pedestrian Safety, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and Police Body Worn Cameras.



McDougald Terrace Community Clean Up - On June 2, the Durham Police Department held a community clean up in McDougald Terrace and also formally introduced the new Community Engagement Unit. Community partners, including Keep Durham Beautiful, Fidelity Investments, The Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Durham Housing Authority, were on hand to help pick up trash. Residents of McDougald Terrace participated in the clean up as well. In all, more than 1,200 pounds of trash was collected.

Walk to School Day - On May 5, Squad 3-B officers joined the Motor Unit and the watch commander in escorting a group of Lakewood Elementary School students as they walked and bicycled to school. The event was part of the annual Bike to School Day and began at the Scrap Exchange.



DPD Youth Summer Camps - The Durham Police Department held the first of three week-long sessions of its summer camp from June 18 to June 22. Open to youth ages 9 to 13, the camp featured daily field trips, and a variety of recreational, educational and social activities that create positive and fun interactions among police officers and campers. Hosted by school resource officers of the department's Community Services Division, the program aims to add structured youth activities to the summer months and to strengthen law enforcement's relationship with participating youth and their families.



Cops on Top/Torch Run - Durham police employees participated in the Cops on Top event and Torch Run to raise money for North Carolina Special Olympics. On May 11, employees participated in the Cops on Top donation drive at Chick-Fil-A on North Roxboro Street. On May 31, officers and non-sworn employees ran the department's leg of the 2018 North Carolina Torch Run Relay to Wake County. So far this year, DPD employees have raised \$2,767.87 to support NC Special Olympics. Since 2008 the police department has raised over \$50,000 to support the cause.

DPD University - The Durham Police Department has started a mobile DPD University so officers are able to go to civic clubs, businesses and other organizations to speak on a variety of topics. The first DPD University session was held in April for members of the FBI Citizens Police Academy and the topic was Synthetic Drugs.

Child Abuse Prevention Month - The Durham Police Department's Special Victims Unit planted a bright silver pinwheel garden in front of DPD Headquarters on April 3 in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Durham County Special Olympics Games - Numerous Durham police employees attended the Durham County Special Olympics Games on April 20 at Durham Academy Upper School. DPD employees cheered on the athletes and helped provide traffic control.

Threshold Fishing Trip - On April 19, Cpl. J.B. King and Officers O.E. Ortiz, K.R. Hunter and D. Beckett partnered with the Threshold clubhouse to take their members on a fishing trip to Falls Lake. It was a windy day, but everyone persevered and everyone had a great time. Threshold is a clubhouse dedicated to helping adults with serious mental illness.



Touch A Truck Days - The Durham Police Department participated in Touch a Truck events on April 7 at Northgate Mall and June 3 at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park.



Operation Pill Drop - On April 28, the Special Operations Division partnered with the DEA to conduct Operation Pill Drop at various locations throughout the City of Durham. Approximately 450 pounds of medication was collected, which included Morphine, Fentanyl, Hydrocodone and other highly addictive substances. NC Safe Kids provided coloring books for children and other literature to educate the public about prescription drug dangers. All of the medication collected was delivered to the NC State Bureau of Investigation for proper disposal.

Police Athletic League (PAL) Events - The Police Athletic League conducted active baseball and basketball programs as well as a pilot track and field program during the second quarter. The PAL baseball and track programs started on April 14 and the summer basketball program started on June 19.

Projects and Initiatives

Operation Suds and Bubbles - On June 23 and 24, officers from Squad 2-C gave out more than 40 packs of free toiletries to residents of the district. The toiletries included shampoo, conditioner and body lotion. Many residents were very thankful for the items.



Designated Internet Buy/Sell Transaction Areas - The Durham Police Department has provided designated parking areas where people can conduct Internet buy/sell transactions. There are two marked parking spaces in the upper parking area at Durham Police Headquarters at 505 West Chapel Hill Street. These parking spaces are under 24-hour video recording. Spaces are also being set up at police substations in District 2 (shopping center at 5285 North Roxboro Street), District 3 (#8 Consultant Place) and District 4 (2945 South Miami Boulevard). There are plans to designate spaces in the public parking area at the new Durham Police Headquarters on East Main Street.

Officers have taken several reports involving Internet buy/sell robberies so far this year. They have also taken several larceny reports. These incidents usually involved transactions set up through Craigslist or through apps such as letgo.

Warrant Service Operation - Squad 2-C officers conducted a three-day “Off the Streets” warrant service operation from May 24 to May 26. Officers arrested 11 people on charges including robbery with a dangerous weapon, common-law robbery and sexual offense.

Speed Enforcement Operations - The Durham Police Department’s Traffic Services and Motor units conducted monthly speed enforcement operation during the second quarter of 2018 to help reduce the number of fatal and serious traffic accidents in Durham. In 2017, traffic fatalities within the city limits were at a five-year high.

They conducted the following operations:

- **June 20 in the 2600 and 2700 blocks of Holloway Street** - Officers issued 44 speeding citations, two child restraint violation citations and four other citations. The highest speed clocked in the 2600 block of Holloway Street was 64 mph in a 35 mph zone and the highest speed recorded in the 2700 block of Holloway Street was 62 mph in a 35 mph zone.
- **May 30 in the 5000 to 5300 blocks of South Roxboro Street, 3500 and 3600 blocks of Guess Road and Fayetteville Street school zones near W.G. Pearson Elementary School and Hillside High** - Officers issued 72 speeding citations, including 16 in school zones, one seat belt violation, one child safety seat violation and 13 other traffic violations. The highest speed on South Roxboro Street was 55 mph in a 35 mph zone and the highest speed on Fayetteville Street was 44 mph in a 25 mph zone. The high speed on Guess Road was 64 mph in a 35 mph zone.
- **April 28 on Interstate 85 South near Club Boulevard and Interstate 85 North near Cole Mill Road** - Officers issued 74 speeding citations, with the highest speed recorded at 95 mph. Most of the citations were for speeds in the 80s and high 70s. One driver was charged with driving while impaired and officers issued 11 other traffic citations.

Pedestrian Crosswalk Operation - Officers from Squad 5-B held a pedestrian crosswalk operation at North Duke Street and Corporation Street on May 4. Officers issued warning tickets and citations for failure to obey a pedestrian signal and crosswalk violations.

Homicide Arrests

2017 Homicide Arrest - Makeishia Elaine Parker, 43, of Durham was arrested on April 1 and charged with murder in the 2017 death of 64-year-old Willie Lee Burnett.

Officers were dispatched to Burnett’s home on Ashe Street October 6, 2016. They found Burnett inside the home and saw that he had been badly injured. He was taken to the hospital, where in died in January 2017. A medical examiner later ruled Burnett’s death a homicide. The case appears to have been a domestic-related incident.

Homicide Arrests - Two men were arrested on May 16 and charged with murder in the April 3 shooting death of Jerome Bryant Jackson, 34, on Moreland Avenue. Members of the U.S. Marshals Service Joint Fugitive Task Force arrested Taquon Davon Washington, 24, of Durham on Laurel Oaks Drive and arrested Rashawn Ramon Harwell, 23, of Durham on Snowcrest Trail. Washington was charged with murder and felony conspiracy. Harwell was charged with felony conspiracy.

Homicide Arrests - Durham police investigators arrested five men in connection with the April fatal shooting of Hong Zheng on Carlton Crossing Drive. On April 15, shortly after 10 p.m., Zheng and his wife had just returned to their home in the 4600 block of Carlton Crossing Drive when Zheng was attacked and ultimately shot to death in his driveway.

On April 27, Durham police officers arrested Maurice Owen Wiley Jr., 28, in the 600 block of East Ellerbe Street. On May 18, officers arrested Hykeem Deshun Cox, 21, of Durham, and on May 22, officers arrested Darryl Bradford, 18, Semaj Maleek Bradley, 18, and Charles Winfor Daniels, 18, all of Durham. Wiley, Bradford, Bradley, Daniels and Cox were all charged with first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, attempted first-degree burglary and seven counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling/moving vehicle.

Wiley is also charged with six counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle/residence causing serious bodily injury. In addition, Wiley was arrested on five charges (assault on a female, communicating threats, assault by pointing a gun, assault in the presence of a minor and misdemeanor larceny) from a domestic violence case in Durham last year and an assault by strangulation charge in connection with a domestic violence case in Wake County in March of 2018. He was also charged with two drug offenses. All five men have been placed in the Durham County Jail without bond.

Homicide Arrest - Ashley Nicole Burris, 33, of Durham was arrested on May 12 and charged with murder in the March 30 death of 54-year-old Michael Anthony Bullock. On March 30, officers were dispatched to a cardiac arrest call in the 300 block of East Umstead Street. They found Bullock inside his home. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Bullock's body was sent to the medical examiner's office for an autopsy. Due to the medical examiner's findings, the case was investigated as a homicide.

Significant Sexual Assault Arrests

Attempted Rape Arrest - Durham police arrested Isadore Sullivan Jr., 35, of Durham and charged him with attempting to assault a woman inside an apartment near Duke University Road on May 31. A female told officers a man came to her apartment around 10 a.m. and told her he was there to do a repair. The man came into the apartment and pulled out a handgun, but the woman was able to get away and was not injured. Sullivan was charged with attempted first-degree rape, second-degree kidnapping and felony breaking and entering.

Rape Arrest - Members of the U.S. Marshals Service Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested Edil Albert Rodriguez at a hotel in Altamonte Springs, Florida on May 7. Rodriguez, 25, is charged with first-degree rape, first-degree kidnapping, first-degree forcible sex offense, assault inflicting bodily injury, assault by strangulation, sexual battery, communicating threats, assault on a female and common-law robbery.

The charges involve an incident that was reported to Durham police on March 4. Two women told officers they were giving a man a ride home from a club when he punched the female driver of the vehicle and pushed her out of the moving car on Interstate 85 near the U.S. 15-501 split. The man fled in the victim's vehicle. The second woman was still inside the vehicle.

The driver found an off-duty Durham police officer and told him what happened. Officers located the driver's vehicle about an hour later in Wrightwood Park on Anderson Street. Officers found the second woman, who had suffered serious eye and facial injuries and had been sexually assaulted, lying inside the vehicle. Both women were taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries.

Significant Robbery Arrests

Robbery Arrests - A Durham man was arrested on May 9 and charged with committing four armed robberies within the prior six days.

Investigators located a vehicle believed to have been used in some recent armed robberies in the parking lot of the Extended Stay America motel at 3105 Tower Boulevard. Officers knocked on a motel room door in an attempt to serve a search warrant, but no one opened the door. After a period of negotiation by officers, two people - 24-year-old Daniel Rolando Platt and 30-year-old Brandy Nunn - were taken into custody without incident.

Investigators charged Platt in connection with the following armed robberies:

- May 3 at 4:45 p.m. at an apartment complex in the 1200 block of Leon Street. A woman was getting out of her car when a man got out of a black SUV, pointed a gun at her chest and grabbed her purse.
- May 5 at 1:50 p.m. in the parking lot of an apartment complex at 700 Morreene Road. A man was working on his car when a man jumped out of a black SUV, placed a gun against the victim's torso and took his wallet and cash.
- May 7 at 1 p.m. in the parking lot of an apartment complex at 4230 Garrett Road. A woman was getting some items out of her car when a man pulled up beside her, pointed a gun at her and took her purse.
- May 7 at 8:45 p.m. in an apartment complex parking lot at 901 Chalk Level Road. A man told officers he was walking to his apartment 8:45 p.m. when a man walked up behind him, put a gun to his back and demanded money. The man fled with the victim's wallet and cell phone.

No one was injured in the robberies. Investigators recovered two guns and items belonging to the robbery victims. One gun had been reported stolen in Durham County.

Platt has been charged with four counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, four counts of felony conspiracy, possession of a stolen firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Nunn was charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle and resisting, delaying and obstructing officers.

Robbery/Kidnapping Arrest - On April 20, a 27-year-old woman was walking home in the 600 block of South LaSalle Street when a man pulled a gun on her and forced her into an apartment, the woman told officers. The man took cash from the woman and let her go. Stanley Lee Rogers, 54, was arrested and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and second-degree kidnapping.

Cab Driver Robbery Arrests - Rodrecus Canady was arrested and charged with the armed robbery of two cab drivers in April.

Canady was charged in connection with an incident that occurred at approximately 10:45 p.m. on April 14 in the 600 block of Burlington Avenue. A taxi driver for ABC Cab told officers he was driving his cab when a passenger in the back seat pulled a knife and took cash from him. The taxi driver and passenger struggled inside the taxi and the taxi crashed into a phone pole. The taxi driver was taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries that did not appear to be life-threatening.

He was also charged with an April 15 incident reported shortly before 9 p.m. near the intersection of East Cornwallis Road and East Weaver Street. A taxi driver for Bakainy Cab told officers he was getting ready to drop off a passenger when the passenger pulled a knife on him and demanded money. The taxi driver struggled with the suspect and the suspect fled without taking anything. The taxi driver was taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries that did not appear to be life-threatening.

Canady, 32, was charged with robbery with a deadly weapon, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. He was also charged with a probation violation and an embezzlement charge from his previous employer.

Robbery Arrests - Devonte Daquan Cozart, 25, was arrested on June 14 and charged with committing three robberies/attempted robberies during April and May. Members of the U.S. Marshals Service Joint Fugitive Task Force arrested Cozart at an apartment complex at 2519 South Roxboro Street.

Cozart is charged with committing the following robberies:

- April 18 at an apartment building at 2507 South Roxboro Street. A taxi driver told officers a man got in his cab, placed a gun to his stomach and demanded money. The driver screamed and the man fled without taking anything. Cozart was charged with attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon.

- April 24 at 2519 South Roxboro Street. A man and a woman were robbed at gunpoint of cash and phones. Cozart was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.
- May 1 at 2000 Avondale Drive. A man was walking to his car in the shopping center parking lot when two men assaulted him and placed him face down on the ground. The men took the victim's wallet and fled. The victim was taken to the hospital for treatment. Cozart was charged with common-law robbery and attempted common-law robbery.

Cruizers Robbery Arrests - Two men were arrested and charged in connection with a June 14 armed robbery in the parking lot of Cruizers at 2716 Guess Road. A man told officers he was pumping gas around 1 a.m. on June 14 when two males walked up to him, pointed a gun at him and told him to get in his truck. The two men got in the truck with him and took him to three ATMs where the victim was unable to withdraw money. The suspects told the victim to get out of the truck on East Markham Avenue and fled in the victim's 2015 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck. The suspects also took jewelry, a phone and other items from the victim.

Officers recovered the stolen truck after responding to a disturbance call in the 800 block of Broad Street around 7:45 a.m. on June 20. Officers stopped the truck, which was seen leaving the scene of the disturbance, and learned that it was the stolen Toyota Tacoma.

One occupant of the truck, Jesus Mendoza, 31, of Durham, was arrested after a brief foot chase. Mendoza was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, possession of a stolen vehicle and second-degree kidnapping. He was also arrested for failure to appear in court on earlier charges of felony possession of stolen goods and resisting, delaying and obstructing officers. Investigators later arrested John Thomas Weaver, 38, of Durham and charged him with robbery with a dangerous weapon, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and second-degree kidnapping.

BP Robbery Arrest - Isaiah Jumar Bethea, 24, was arrested and charged with robbing the BP at 1922 West Main Street on May 30. A man entered the business shortly before 2:30 a.m. and demanded money while gesturing as if he had a gun in his waistband, according to investigators. A short time later Officer O.L. Morton spotted a man matching the suspect's description on a bicycle near the intersection of Morgan Street and Duke Street. The bicyclist, identified as Bethea, was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Attempted Robbery Arrests - Jatori Pettford, 20, and a 15-year-old male juvenile were charged with beating a man in the head with a cane during an attempted robbery on June 15. The 61-year-old victim told officers he was sleeping outside in the 1100 block of North Miami Boulevard when two men approached him and demanded money. The victim told them he had no money and they took his cane and beat him with it, according to investigators. Pettiford was charged with attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy. The juvenile was charged with conspiracy.

Significant Aggravated Assault Arrests

Shooting Arrest - A 32-year-old man and his mother were driving in the 1700 block of Taylor Street on May 12 when a man walking on sidewalk pulled out a handgun and began shooting at the victims' vehicle, which was struck three times. No injuries were reported. Tyrease Anderson, 18, was charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle.

Attempted 1st Degree Murder Arrest - Naisha Moena Bowser, 21, of Durham was arrested and charged with allegedly slashing a man's neck during a dispute on a GoDurham bus in March. The incident happened around 5:30 p.m. on March 15 near the intersection of East Main Street and Angier Avenue. A female passenger on the bus became angry and threw a soda bottle through a windshield, according to witnesses. She started to argue with the bus driver and a male passenger attempted to intervene.

The female slashed the male passenger's neck with a box cutter, according to the witnesses, and then got off the bus. The male passenger was taken to the hospital for treatment for injuries that did not appear to be life-threatening.

Bowser was arrested on April 18 on charges of attempted first-degree murder, assault on a public transit operator and injury to property.

Stabbing Arrest - Officers responded to a stabbing call on East Main Street near Queen Street on May 21 and found a 44-year-old man who had been stabbed more than a dozen times in his upper body and head. Investigators charged 62-year-old Johnnie Rowe with attempted first-degree murder, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault with a deadly with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Rowe was arrested on May 22 and placed in Durham County Jail under a \$1 million bond.

2016 Shooting Arrest - A man wanted by the Durham Police Department for a shooting that happened in 2016 on Garrett Road was arrested on June 27 by Durham County Sheriff's deputies. Rudy Perez, 20, was arrested on West Cornwallis Road after he ran inside a house and hid. Deputies arrested Perez after he fell through a ceiling in the house.

The shooting was reported shortly after 1:30 p.m. on July 6, 2016, in the parking lot of an apartment complex at 4230 Garrett Road. Two groups of males started to fight and shots were fired. An 18-year-old male was shot multiple times and taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Perez was wanted for one count of attempted first-degree murder, three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, one count of felony

probation violation and one count of intimidating witnesses in connection with the Garrett Road shooting. Additional charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and resisting a public officer were filed against Perez on June 27, 2018.

Investigators are still trying to locate a second person – 19-year-old Victor Daniel Roman-Bello – in this case. Roman-Bello is charged with attempted first-degree murder, three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and one count of felony conspiracy.

Shooting Arrest - Officers responded to a shooting call on Ross Road shortly after midnight on May 10 and found a 38-year-old man who had been shot in the leg inside a house. Investigators charged Tarik Harley, 40, with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and discharging a firearm within the city limits.

Shooting Arrest - Laronta Barnes, 25, was arrested and charged with shooting a man in Longmeadow Park on June 12. Officers found a 42-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg and applied a tourniquet to stop the bleeding. The man was taken to the hospital for treatment. Barnes was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Shooting/Robbery Arrests - A vigil for a homicide victim was being held in the 400 block of Canal Street on May 6. Shortly before 7 p.m., a Dodge Journey drove past the people gathered for the vigil and shots were fired from the vehicle. A 23-year-old man was shot in the elbow and a 15-year-old male was shot in the leg. Both were taken to the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

The Journey sped away from the scene, ran a stop sign and crashed into a car occupied by three people on Elizabeth Street. The three people in the car were not injured. The three occupants of the Dodge Journey got out of the wrecked vehicle and ran from the scene. Investigators believe one of the three suspects then stole a Chevrolet Malibu at gunpoint on Gearwood Avenue.

Christopher Fisher, 30, Saquon Dunn, 28, and Michael Mceachin, 37, were all charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and discharging a firearm from an enclosure. Fisher was also charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon (in connection with the carjacking). Dunn was also charged with reckless driving to endanger and leaving the scene of an accident. Fisher and Mceachin were arrested on June 12 and Dunn was arrested on July 5.

Significant Drug Trafficking Arrests

Cocaine Trafficking Arrest - On June 21, investigators from the Special Operations Division arrested Deshawn Hart and confiscated 52.6 grams of cocaine, nine dosage units of Ecstasy, 41.4 grams of marijuana and two handguns. One of the handguns was reported stolen in Vance County. Hart, 28, was

charged with one count of trafficking cocaine by possession, two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 11 other drug and weapons charge.

Cocaine Trafficking Charge - On April 27, investigators served a search warrant on East Club Boulevard and confiscated almost 38 grams of crack cocaine, 21 dosage units of Ecstasy, marijuana and three guns. Investigators charged Kareem Lewis, 38, with one count of trafficking in cocaine, three counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and five other drug charges.

Heroin Trafficking Arrest - Investigators confiscated 557.4 grams of heroin behind a toilet in a room in the Super 8 motel on Guess Road on April 10. Adonis Larumbe, 20, was charged with two counts of Level 3 heroin trafficking and five additional drug charges.

Heroin Trafficking Arrest - Investigators from the Special Operations Division served a search warrant at a home on Chautauqua Avenue on April 11 and confiscated 28.4 grams of heroin (four grams of heroin is the lowest trafficking level). Investigators arrested Rodney Devon Greene, 51, and charged him with three counts of trafficking in heroin and three other drug charges. Greene was also on federal parole for a prior drug trafficking charge.

Significant Property Crime & Fraud Arrests

Burglary Arrests - Durham police investigators arrested Leron Owens, 31, and charged him with committing five burglaries during March and May. Owens was charged with breaking into a home on Esterbrook Court in March and into homes on Creighton Hall Way, Hico Way, Ravenstone Lane and Calico Court on May 22. Owens is charged with stealing money and jewelry. He was also charged with committing numerous burglaries in Orange and Alamance counties.

Vehicle Break-In Arrests - Two men were arrested and charged with breaking into numerous vehicles in the Downing Creek/Randolph Road areas. One man – 29-year-old Terrance Dewayne Proctor – was arrested after officers responded to a break-in to a vehicle in progress call on Kilgo Drive. Officers located Proctor who had several items taken from other vehicle break-ins. The majority of break-ins were from unlocked vehicles which had visible items inside.

Proctor was charged with 23 counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle, one count of larceny of motor vehicle, one count of larceny of a firearm, six counts of misdemeanor larceny, three counts of possession of stolen goods, one count of larceny of chose in action and 11 counts of felony conspiracy.

A second man – 38-year-old Jonathan Wayne Harris – was arrested and charged with 11 counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle, 11 counts of felony conspiracy, one count of larceny of motor vehicle, one count of larceny of a firearm, three counts of misdemeanor larceny, three counts of possession of stolen goods and one count of larceny of chose in action.

Fraud/Breaking and Entering Charges - Daquan KC Hill, 22, was arrested and charged with committing numerous property crimes and frauds from March through June 2018. He is facing the following charges: two counts of aiding and abetting obtaining property by false pretense, one count of attempted obtaining property by false pretense, nine counts of breaking and entering to motor vehicles, one count of breaking and entering to a residence, one count of felony larceny, 11 counts of financial card fraud, 14 counts of financial card theft, 11 counts of identity theft, two counts of misdemeanor larceny, one probation violation, two counts of obtaining property by false pretense and one count of possession of stolen goods. He was also wanted on several charges in Wake County and was charged with being a probation/parole absconder.

Business Burglary Arrests - Two men were arrested and charged with four business break-ins at a shopping center in the 2000 block of Chapel Hill Road during April. George Oscar McNeal IV, 31, and Kenneth Lamont McNeal, 40, were both charged with breaking into Dollar General on April 2 and April 5 and breaking into African Land on April 4 and April 9. They are charged with stealing jewelry, electronic items, scented oil and socks.

Elderly Fraud Arrests - Durham police investigators filed more than 70 charges against a man and a woman accused of defrauding and taking advantage of an elderly disabled couple. Emily Anne Worst, 29, was arrested on more than 50 charges and Sean Cruz Conway, 24, was arrested on 20 charges.

Worst was hired in March to be a caretaker for the couple. Investigators charged Worst with stealing items such as cash and towels from the couple's home and using the couple's debit card to make purchases at numerous locations throughout Durham from April to June. Conway, who investigators said is Worst's boyfriend, is also accused of using the stolen credit cards to make purchases. Worst is also accused of making a duplicate copy of the key to the couple's vehicle so she could use the vehicle without their permission. Worst and Conway were arrested on multiple counts of felony conspiracy, financial card theft, identity theft, obtaining property by false pretense and possession of stolen goods. Worst is also charged with felony larceny, misdemeanor larceny and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.